

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1897  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural  
 1-4 Affairs; April 10, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;  
 1-6 April 10, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1897 By: Hinojosa

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the declaration of a local state of disaster.  
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 418.108, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-22 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and  
 1-23 (d-1) to read as follows:  
 1-24 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the presiding  
 1-25 officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may  
 1-26 declare a local state of disaster if the presiding officer finds a  
 1-27 disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of disaster  
 1-28 is imminent.  
 1-29 (b-1) An order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or  
 1-30 terminating a local state of disaster must include:  
 1-31 (1) a description of the nature of the disaster;  
 1-32 (2) a designation of the area threatened; and  
 1-33 (3) a description of the conditions that have brought  
 1-34 the local state of disaster about or made possible the termination  
 1-35 of the local state of disaster.  
 1-36 (c) An order or proclamation issued under this section  
 1-37 [declaring, continuing, or terminating a local state of disaster]  
 1-38 shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed  
 1-39 promptly with the city secretary, the county clerk, or the joint  
 1-40 board's official records, as applicable. If a political  
 1-41 subdivision to which the order or proclamation applies maintains an  
 1-42 Internet website, the political subdivision shall post a copy of  
 1-43 the order on the political subdivision's Internet website.  
 1-44 (d-1) On request of the presiding officer of the governing  
 1-45 body of a political subdivision, the governor may waive or suspend a  
 1-46 deadline imposed by a statute or the orders or rules of a state  
 1-47 agency on the political subdivision, including a deadline relating  
 1-48 to a budget or ad valorem tax, if the waiver or suspension is  
 1-49 reasonably necessary for the political subdivision to cope with a  
 1-50 local state of disaster declared under this section.  
 1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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